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Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 8:00 AM
To: Sarah Palin; Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA)
Cc: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: Legislative powers

Yes, you're right, and that is how we've been presenting the issue at the hearings. The article takes the perspective of comparing AGIA's legislative review process (veto) to the one in the SGDA (approval), and then characterizing it as a loss of legislative power. From the quotes of legislators in the article, that also seems to be how they are trying to frame the issue. During our hearings, we've reminded legislators of their discussions last year over whether the SGDA's required legislative approval was constitutional; we've pointed out that the veto structure of AGIA would have a stronger constitutional foundation, while protecting their ability to make sure the commissioners don't make a bad decision.

AGIA provides the legislature with the role as a safety valve to prevent a mistake by the commissioners before we set off with a licensee. It does not require the legislature to meet and discuss what will hopefully be a well supported decision by the commissioners. SGDA required the legislature to convene and approve. AGIA gives them the option whether to convene, or just let it go.

In all honesty, given what we heard at our legislative briefings before AGIA was introduced ("that will be our FIRST amendment"), we've had less push back on this so far than I expected. I think our approach has merit, and some legislators recognize that. We'll see...

-Pat

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From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 7:34 AM

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Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Legislative powers

Not sure what juneau empire means as it writes legislature is asked to give up powers by merely blessing agia partner ... It's a sensible tactic considering speaker john harris said early on that I didn't have to, nor should I, bring it before the legislature for approval, no?

Sarah Palin

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Sent: 3/19/07 10:52 PM

Subject: RE: gas tax

Governor, We will look at the tax credit suggestion, and see if there is some aspect of it we can use. On first blush, there are a few problems with the idea, though. Privileged or Pe

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Privileged or Personal Material Redacted It's good to see folks looking for ways to try to solve this problem. It shows the public wants to provide something, but is struggling with us to figure out what is constitutional. -Pat From: Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@ya

hoo.com] Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 1:19 PM To: patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; Tom Irwin; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; bruce_anders@dnr.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us Subject: gas tax Pat, et al: Here's a sound suggestion, it seems, from a friend. (Please see below.) May this be pursued??? Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 08:04:42 -0800 To: spalin@mtaonline.net Subject: Gas Tax Sorry to bother you. I know how many folks are trying to get your attention, but I couldn't help but write over the latest flap by the legislature regarding a possible Constitutional problem with your team's proposed 10 year gas tax exemption for pipeline builders. The solution seems obvious to me and is in the control of the legislature if they wish to support pipeline construction and avoid a Constitutional issue. They can pass tax legislation now that says any company that helps build a gas pipeline will still calculate the tax an

d file a return, but once gas flows they get a 10-year gas tax credit to be taken at the rate of one-tenth of the amount spent on construction each year or the amount of the tax, whichever is less. It would have to be carefully worded, but by passing it now it becomes a general tax credit provision that avoids constitutional problems and is not limited to any particular company or companies as part of a contract or agreement. It might be a good idea for your team to consider drafting proposed legislation and laying it on the table of the legislature. You could then say, "Here's a solution. Do you want a pipeline or not?" Good luck. By the way...you're doing a great job and from what I hear you're still getting a positive response from most state workers. --

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From: Kari Spencer [kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 12:44 PM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: Jeff Baker-former Wasilla youth pastor
Importance: High

Jeff Baker, a former Wasilla Youth Pastor is visiting Alaska and found out you are Governor! He's in Ketchikan for a few days, his cell is 402-218-3228 if you'd like to call him.

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 9:02 AM
To: Sarah Palin
Subject: FW: SHARE Campaign

Governor Palin,

Here's what I found out about the SHARE Campaign.

SHARE is run by state employees. The campaign management organization is United Way of Alaska (acting as a treasurer, auditing and distributing contributions to the state's selected charities). You appoint a member of your cabinet to chair the steering committee and the commissioner then selects a designee to act as the campaign coordinator.

Last year the designated cabinet member was Bill Noll and he selected Sally Saddler to be the campaign coordinator. This year, if you chose to designate Commissioner Notti, he would presumably appoint Sally (or Joey) to coordinate.

Planning will take place this Spring as soon as a chair is in place. The campaign takes place in September.

Hope all is well down at your end of the hall,

Ivy

From: Dorie Choquette [mailto:dorie_choquette@revenue.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 8:43 AM
To: ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: SHARE Campaign

Hi Ivy,

I had the 2005 website saved and thought that it might help. I'll try to get the link for last years too.

Basically the first step is for the Governor to appoint a member of her cabinet to be the campaign chair. That Commissioner in turn appoints a campaign coordinator to actually run the campaign.

I'll give you a call too.

Dorie

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Subject: msg from Andy Couch

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Thank You for your consideration,

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To: 'Sarah Palin'; 'John Bitney'; 'Michael Tibbles'; 'Christopher Clark'

Subject: Longevity Bonus

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From: Kari Spencer [kari_spencer@gov.state.ak.us]

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Subject: Alert for Monday, March 26

Governor, I want to alert you that the Alaska Municipal League will meet with Bitney and Tibbles on Monday (the holiday) from 2:00-3:30pm in our conference room. We previously told them you would be out of town. I just wanted you to know there would be a full house here during that timeframe........Kari.

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Joe Balash [Joe_Balash@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2007 8:48 AM
To: 'govpalin@gov.state.ak.us'; 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); 'Martha Fischbach'
Subject: I know it's late...

...but here's the Sempra briefing memo

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
Office of the Governor

TO: Governor Sarah Palin
FROM: Joe Balash

DATE: 3/22/07
TELEPHONE: 907-465-4022

SUBJECT: Briefing paper regarding Sempra meeting 3/22/07

Based in San Diego, Sempra Energy is a Fortune 500 energy services company with 2006 revenues of nearly $12 billion. Sempra Energy serves the largest customer base of any energy utility in the United States. With 14,000 employees worldwide, the Sempra Energy companies develop energy infrastructure, operate utilities, and provide related products and services to more than 29 million consumers in the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico, South America and Asia.

Sempra LNG is one of the companies held by Sempra Energy and leads efforts to develop, build and operate liquefied natural gas receipt terminals. At this time, Sempra LNG is developing three terminals to serve North American markets: Cameron LNG in Louisiana, Port Arthur LNG in Texas, and Energia Costa Azul in Mexico.

In early 2005, Sempra Energy entered into a development arrangement with the Alaska Gasline Port Authority whereby Sempra provided a significant infusion of cash to AGPA. The value of that agreement was estimated to be in the high hundreds of thousands of dollars, but short of one million. AGPA spent heavily on advertising and lobbying, but it is unclear to me how much was spent on development activities (planning, economists, attorneys, etc.). Sempra was seeking a supply for its Mexico LNG receiving terminal and expressed profound interest in Alaska gas. Following the Murkowski brush-off later that summer, Sempra allowed its arrangement with AGPA to lapse and soon thereafter announced a supply arrangement with BP.

Today's meeting will include the president and chief operating officer of Sempra Energy, Neal Schmale. He is responsible for implementing the company's growth strategy for overall management of the Sempra Energy companies. He has been a member of the board of directors since 2005 and previously served as executive vice president and chief financial officer. Before his career at Sempra, he spent 29 years at UNOCAL, serving in a range of jobs that culminated in the position of chief financial officer.

Also attending will be the president and chief executive officer of Sempra LNG, Darcel Hulse. Mr. Hulse also spent his career at UNOCAL prior to joining Sempra. He served in a variety of positions, including engineering, construction, and business development.